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SUBJ: MORE INFORMATION ON POLISH-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AND
COMINFORMIST INCIDENT

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1. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER HERE HAS ESSENTIALLY
CONFIRMED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL, WITH SOME
CLARIFICATIONS. SPEECH CITED IN REFTEL WAS DELIVERED
NOV 20 BY VICE PRESIDENT VLADIMIR BAKARIC AT
SEVENTH SESSION OF CROATIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
PORTIONS OF SPEECH WERE CARRIED IN PRESS, BUT IN
UNPUBLISHED PART BAKARIC ATTACKED POLAND AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR ALLOWING COMINFORMIST MEETINGS TO
TAKE PLACE ON THEIR SOIL DURING OCT AND NOV, IN
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FULL KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING ANTI-COMINFORMIST CAM-

PAIGN IN YUGOSLAVIA.

2. BRITISH ALSO INFORMED US THAT PRIOR TO KRAKOW MEETING MENTIONED IN REFTEL AGITPROP MEETING WAS HELD IN WISLA, POLAND SEPT 22-26 IN WHICH ALL WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES TOOK PART WITH EXCEPTION OF ROMANIA. AT THIS MEETING DEFINITION OF "REAL SOCIALISM" WAS DISCUSSED, AND END RESULT WAS FORMULATION WHICH EXCLUDED YUGOSLAV BRAND OF SOCIALISM. COMINFORMISTS, IN THEIR MEETINGS, APPARENTLY CITED THIS CONCLUSION AS EASTERN EUROPEAN APPROVAL OF THEIR AIMS. BRITISH ACCOUNT OF WISLA MEETING HAS SINCE BEEN PUBLICLY CONFIRMED IN BELGRADE'S POLITIKA JAN 8 IN ARTICLE SENT IN BY PAPER'S PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT ENTITLED "JUST WHAT IS 'REAL SOCIALISM'?"

3. COMMENT: WE ARE FRANKLY AMAZED THAT SOVIETS, ACTING THROUGH CZECHS AND POLES, WOULD HAVE TAKEN SUCH PROVOCATIVE ACTION IN THE HEIGHT OF THE ANTI-COMINFORMIST CAMPAIGN. IF THE PRAVDA ARTICLE WAS DESIGNED BY THE SOVIETS TO MOLLIFY THE YUGOSLAVS, THE SOVIETS WERE USING HARD KNUCKLES RIGHT UP TO THE END. SILBERMAN

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